

Dear Commonwealth of Kentucky Employees,

The Commonwealth has partnered with Red Flag Reporting to bring a valuable and independent reporting mechanism to state employees and Kentucky residents - Tipline.KY.gov.

Simply put, this service allows a person to report concerns regarding improper, illegal or unsafe activity within the Executive Branch. This could range from financial concerns such as theft or misstated financial statements to issues such as harassment, discrimination, safety issues, substance abuse, compliance issues and more.

Filing a report with Tipline.ky.gov or Red Flag Reporting does not modify or amend any other process available to employees pursuant to the Kentucky Revised Statutes or Kentucky Administrative Regulations. This service is independently managed by Red Flag Reporting for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Employees of state government as well as Kentucky residents can report concerns via Tipline.ky.gov. Some key features of this new reporting system include:

- Users can provide information via Tipline.ky.gov or by calling 1-800-590-3921 24/7/365.
- Information should be related to improper, illegal, unsafe or fraudulent activities for state officials, employees or entities.
- This is not a general helpline for eMARS, computer, or office related questions, nor does it replace the emergency 911 service.
- Users have the option to remain anonymous if they so choose. Through the case
 management system, these users will be given a unique identifier, so that they may
 interact with investigators as the investigation proceeds or check on the status of the
 investigation.
- Users are given the names of who will be investigating the concern. Therefore, if an
 issue is related to one of the investigators, the user can prevent that investigator from
 receiving notification of the reported incident. The case will be re-routed to someone else
 for review.

When applicable, reports will be turned over to other investigative agencies. We encourage you to watch the training video once you access Tipline.KY.gov.

Red Flag is dedicated to protecting organizations and their employees, taxpayers, assets and reputations. The Commonwealth is pleased to partner with Red Flag Reporting to bring this important system to our employees and Kentucky residents.

For questions, contact Gerald Hoppmann, Executive Director of the Finance and Administration Cabinet's Office of Policy and Audit, at (502) 564-7236.